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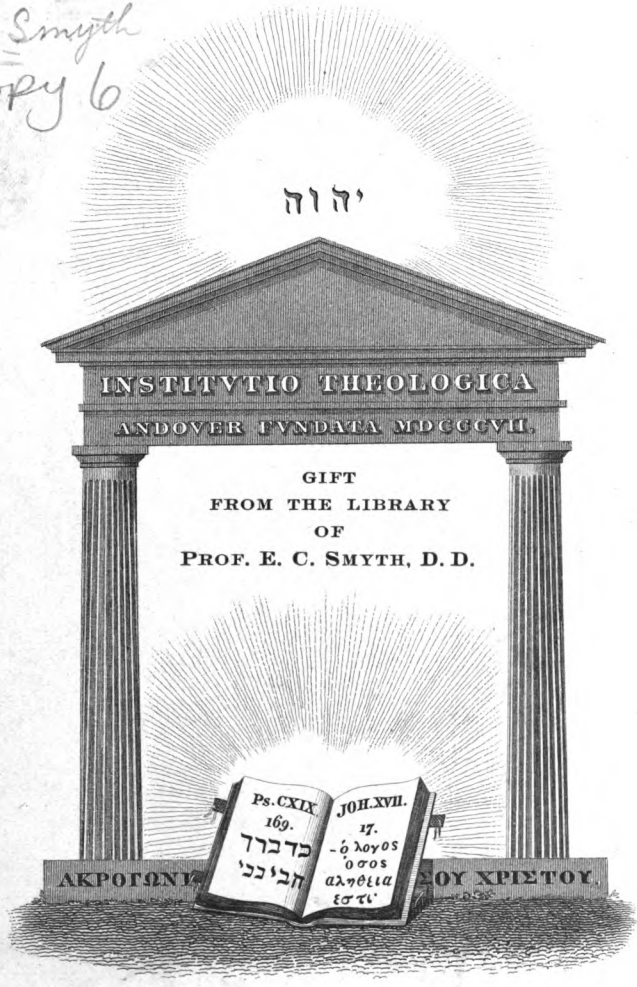

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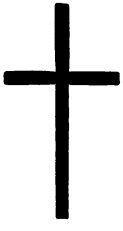

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Order for Evening Worship.

The Minister shall begin the Evening Worship by reading one or more of the following, or other, Sentences from Scripture.

GRACE be unto you, and peace, from God our Father, and from the Lord Jesus Christ. *Phil.* i. 2.

Let my prayer be set forth as incense before thee; The lifting up of my hands as the evening sacrifice. *Psalm* cxli. 2.

For from the rising of the sun even unto the going down of the same my name is great among the Gentiles; and in every place incense is offered unto my name, and a pure offering: for my name is great among the Gentiles, saith the Lord of hosts. *Mal.* i. 11.

But the hour cometh, and now is, when the true worshippers shall worship the Father in spirit and in truth: for the Father seeketh such to worship him. God is a spirit: and they that worship him must worship him in spirit and in truth. *St. John* iv. 23, 24.

O worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness. *Psalm* xcvi. 9.

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Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in thy sight,
O Lord, my strength and my redeemer. *Psalm* xix. 14.

O magnify the Lord with me,
And let us exalt his name together. *Psalm* xxxiv. 3.

The Lord is nigh unto all them that call upon him,
To all that call upon him in truth.
He will fulfil the desire of them that fear him;
He also will hear their cry, and will save them. *Psalm* cxlv. 18, 19.

Our help is in the name of the Lord,
Who made heaven and earth. *Psalm* cxxiv. 8.

Many there be that say, Who will show us any good?
Lord, lift thou up the light of thy countenance upon us. *Psalm* iv. 6.

Give ear to my words, O Lord,
Consider my meditation.
Hearken unto the voice of my cry, my King, and my God:
For unto thee do I pray. *Psalm* v. 1, 2.

Come ye, and let us walk in the light of the Lord. And he will teach us of his ways, and we will walk in his paths. *Isaiah* ii. 5, 3.

The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit:
A broken and a contrite heart, O God, thou wilt not despise. *Psalm* li. 17.

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Blessed are they that hunger and thirst after righteousness: for they shall be filled *St. Matt.* v. 6.

If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, he is faithful and righteous to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. 1 *St. John* i. 8, 9.

Him who knew no sin he made to be sin on our behalf; that we might become the righteousness of God in him. 2 *Cor.* v. 21.

In whom we have our redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace. *Eph.* i. 7.

Having then a great high priest, who hath passed through the heavens, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold fast our confession. For we have not a high priest that cannot be touched with the feeling of our infirmities; but one that hath been in all points tempted like as we are, yet without sin. Let us therefore draw near with boldness unto the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy, and may find grace to help us in time of need. *Heb.* iv. 14–16.

If ye then, being evil, know how to give good gifts unto your children, how much more shall your heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to them that ask Him. *St. Luke* xi. 13.

Ask, and it shall be given you; seek and ye shall find; knock and it shall be opened unto you. *St. Luke* xi. 9.

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If then ye were raised together with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated on the right hand of God. *Col.* iii. 1.

For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, these are sons of God. For ye received not the spirit of bondage again unto fear; but ye received the spirit of adoption, whereby we cry, Abba, Father. *Rom.* viii. 14, 15.

And the Spirit and the bride say, Come. And he that heareth, let him say, Come. And he that is athirst, let him come: he that will, let him take the water of life freely. *Rev.* xxii. 17.

If I say, Surely the darkness shall overwhelm me,
And the light about me shall be night;
Even the darkness hideth not from thee,
But the night shineth as the day. *Psalm* cxxxix. 11, 12.

And they constrained him, saying, Abide with us: for it is toward evening, and the day is now far spent. And he went in to abide with them. And it came to pass, when he had sat down with them to meat, he took the bread, and blessed it, and brake, and gave to them. And their eyes were opened, and they knew him; and he vanished out of their sight. *St. Luke* xxiv. 29–31.

I am come a light into the world, that whosoever believeth on me may not abide in the darkness. *St. John* xii. 46.

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Then this Prayer, the Minister first saying,

Let Us Pray.

ALMIGHTY God, unto whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid; Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of Thy Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love Thee, and worthily magnify Thy holy Name; through Christ our Lord.

Here, and at the end of each of these Prayers, let the Congregation say, *Amen.*

Or this Prayer.

ALMIGHTY and everlasting God, who art always more ready to hear than we to pray, and art wont to give more than either we desire or deserve; Pour down upon us the abundance of Thy mercy; forgiving us those things whereof our conscience is afraid, and giving us those good things which we are not worthy to ask, but through the merits and mediation of Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord. *Amen.*

Or this.

O ALMIGHTY God, from whom cometh down every good and perfect gift, and who pourest out on all who desire it the Spirit of grace and supplication; Deliver us, when we draw nigh to Thee, from coldness of heart and wanderings of mind; that with steadfast thoughts and kindled affections we may worship Thee in spirit and in truth; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

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Then the *Lord's Prayer*, the Congregation repeating it with the Minister.

OUR Father which art in heaven, Hallowed be Thy Name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil: For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever. *Amen.*

Then likewise he shall say,

O Lord, open Thou our lips.

Answer. And our mouth shall show forth Thy praise.

Here, all standing up, the Minister shall say,

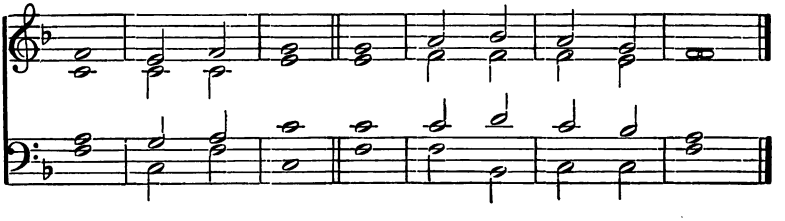
Glory be to the Father, and to the Son: and to the Holy Ghost;

Answer. As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be: world without end. *Amen.*

Minister. Praise ye the Lord.

Answer. The Lord's name be praised.

Then shall be sung the *Gloria in Excelsis*, as follows,



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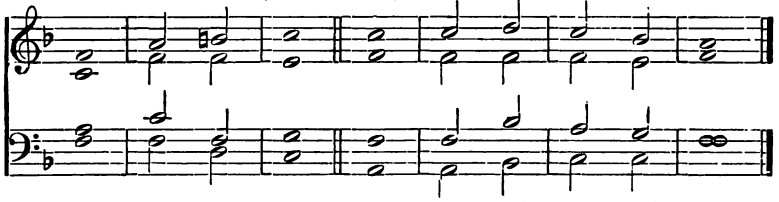
Gloria in Excelsis.

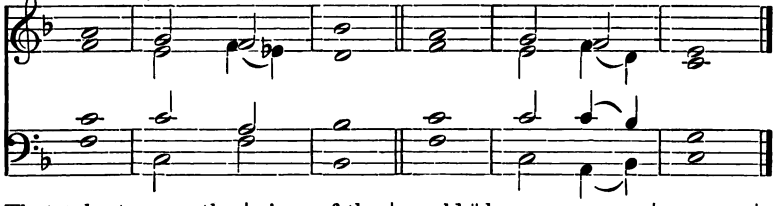
Glory *be* to | God · on | high || and on *earth* | peace · good | will · towards | men.

We praise Thee, we bless *Thee* we | wor · ship | Thee || we glorify Thee, we give *thanks* to | Thee · for | Thy · great | glory.



O Lord *God* | heaven · ly | King || *God* the | Fa · ther | Al · — | mighty.

O Lord, the only-begotten *Son* | Je · sus | Christ || O Lord God, Lamb of *God* | Son · — | of · the | Father,

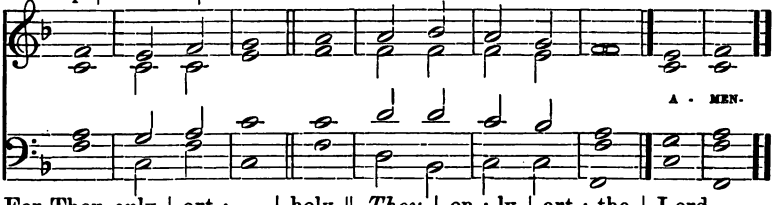


That takest a*way* the | sins · of the | world || have *mer*cy up | on · — | us.

Thou that takest a*way* the | sins · of the | world || have *mer*cy up | on · — | us.

Thou that takest a*way* the | sins · of the | world || *re* | ceive · our | prayer.

Thou that sittest at the right *hand* of | God · the | Father || have *mer*cy up | on · — | us.



For Thou *on*ly | art · — | holy || *Thou* | on · ly | art · the | Lord.

Thou only, O *Christ* with the | Ho · ly | Ghost || art most *high* in the | glory · of | God · the | Father || A | men.

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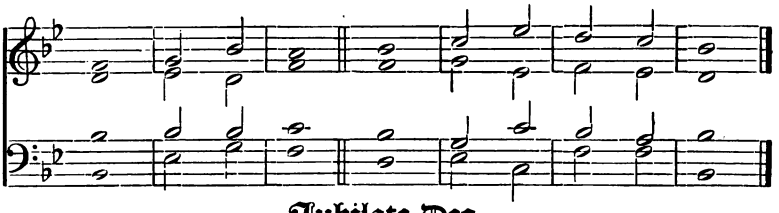
Then shall be read a Lesson of Holy Scripture.

Then shall be sung, or said, the following Psalm, the Congregation standing.



Jubilate Deo.

From Psalm c.

O be joyful in the *Lord* | all · ye | lands ‖ serve the Lord with gladness, and come be*fore* His | pres · ence | with · a | song.

Be ye sure that the *Lord* | He · is | God ‖ It is He that hath made us, and not we ourselves; we are His people, *and* the | sheep · of | His · — | pasture.

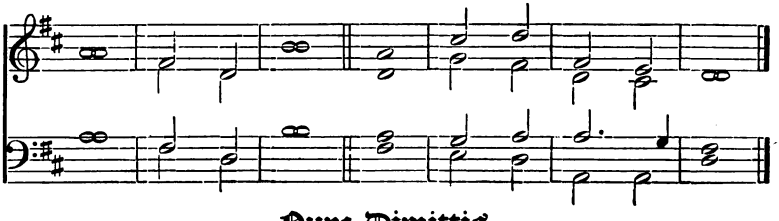
O go your way into His gates with thanksgiving, and *in*to His | courts · with | praise ‖ be thankful unto *Him* and | speak · good | of · His | name.

For the Lord is gracious, His *mer*cy is | ev · er | lasting ‖ and His truth endureth from *gen*er | ation · to | gen · er | ation.

Glory be to the *Fa*ther | and · to the | Son ‖ *and* | to · the | Ho · ly | Ghost ‖

As it was in the beginning, is *now* and | ev · er | shall be ‖ *world* without | end · — | A · — | men.

Or this.



Nunc Dimittis.

From St. Luke ii.

Lord, now lettest Thou Thy *ser*vant de | part · in | peace ‖ *ac* | cord · ing | to · Thy | word.

For mine | eyes · have | seen ‖ *Thy* | · —sal | va · — | tion.

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Which | Thou · hast pre | pared || be*fore* the | face · of | all · — | people;
To be a *light* to | lighten · the | Gentiles || and to be the *glo*ry of · Thy | peo · ple | Israel.
Glory be to the *Fa*ther | and · to the | Son || *and* | to · the | Ho · ly | Ghost ||
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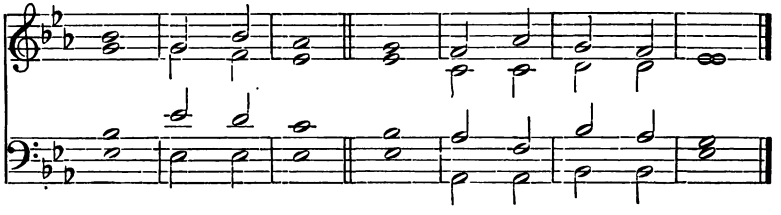

Deus Misereatur.

From Psalm lxvii.

God be merciful unto *us* and | bless · — | us || and show us the light of His countenance, *and* be | merci · ful | un · to | us;
That Thy way may be *known* up | on · — | earth || Thy saving *health* a | mong · — | all · — | nations.
Let the people *praise* Thee | O · — | God || yea, let *all* the | peo · ple | praise · — | Thee.
O let the nations re*joice* | and · be | glad || for Thou shalt judge the folk righteously, and *gov*ern the | nations · up | on · — | earth.
Let the people *praise* Thee | O · — | God || yea, let *all* the | peo · ple | praise · — | Thee.
Then shall the *earth* bring | forth · her | increase || and God, even our own *God* shall | give · us | His · — | blessing.
God shall | bless · — | us || and all the ends of the *world* | shall · | fear · — | Him.
Glory be to the *Fa*ther | and · to the | Son || *and* | to · the | Ho · ly | Ghost:
As it was in the beginning, is *now* and | ev · er | shall be || *world* without | end · — | A · — | men.

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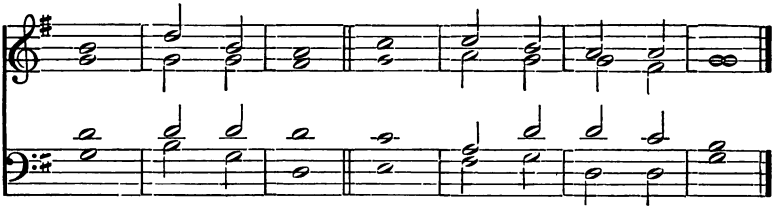
Or this.



Benedic Anima Mea.

From Psalm ciii.

Praise the *Lord* | O · my | soul || and all that is with*in* me | praise · His | ho · ly | name.
Praise the *Lord* | O · my | soul || *and* for | get · not | all · His | benefits:
Who for*give*th | all · thy | sin || and *heal*eth all | thine · in | firm · i | ties.
Who saveth thy *life* | from · de | struction || and crowneth thee with *mer*cy and | lov · ing | kind · — | ness.
O praise the Lord, ye angels of His, *ye* that ex | cel · in | strength || ye that fulfill His commandment, and *hear*ken | unto · the | voice · of His | word.
O praise the *Lord* all | ye · His | hosts || ye servants of *His* that | do · — | His · — | pleasure.
O speak good of the Lord, all ye works of His, in all *plac*es of | His · do | minion || praise thou the *Lord* | O · — | my · — | soul.
Glory be to the *Fa*ther | and · to the | Son || and | to · the | Ho · ly | Ghost:
As it was in the beginning, is *now* and | ev · er | shall be || *world* without | end · — | A · — | men.

Then shall be said the *Apostles' Creed*, by the Minister and Congregation, standing.

I BELIEVE in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth:

And in Jesus Christ His only Son our Lord: Who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, Born of the Virgin Mary: Suffered under Pontius Pilate, Was crucified, dead, and buried: He descended into hell: The third day he rose again from the dead: He ascended into heaven, And sitteth on the right hand of God the

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Father Almighty: From thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost: the Holy Catholic Church: the Communion of Saints: the Forgiveness of sins: the Resurrection of the Body: and the Life Everlasting. *Amen.*

And after that, the Congregation sitting, with bowed heads, the Minister shall say,

The Lord be with you.

Answer. And with thy spirit.

Minister. Let us pray.

O Lord, show Thy mercy upon us.

Answer. And grant us Thy salvation.

Minister. O God, make clean our hearts within us.

Answer. And take not Thy Holy Spirit from us.

Then shall be said these, or other, Prayers; closing, always, with the *General Thanksgiving* and the Prayer which follows it.

For Grace to know and Do God's Will.

O LORD Jesus Christ, who didst send from the Father the Comforter, even the Spirit of Truth; Grant that He may enlighten our minds with the teaching of Thy truth, and sanctify our hearts with the power of Thy grace, so that evermore abiding in Thee we may be found steadfast in faith and holy in life, being conformed unto Thine image, who art with the Father and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end. *Amen.*

For Death to Sin, and Life in Christ.

O GOD, who for our redemption didst give Thine only-begotten Son to the death of the cross; and

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by His glorious resurrection hast delivered us from the power of our enemy; Grant us so to die daily from sin, that we may evermore live with Him in the joy of His resurrection; through the same Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

For Peace.

O GOD, from whom all holy desires, all good counsels, and all just works do proceed; Give unto Thy servants that peace which the world cannot give; that our hearts may be set to obey Thy commandments, and also that by Thee, we, being defended from the fear of our enemies, may pass our time in rest and quietness; through the merits of Jesus Christ our Saviour. *Amen.*

For Aid Against Perils.

LIGHTEN our darkness, we beseech Thee, O Lord; and by Thy great mercy defend us from all perils and dangers of this night; for the love of Thy only Son, our Saviour, Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

For Brotherly Love.

BLESSED Lord, who hast given us a new commandment that we should love one another, and hast taught us that where envy and strife are, there is confusion and every evil work; Give unto us Thy servants grace, that we may be kindly affectioned one to another, and that there may be no schism among us.

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Put away from us all bitterness, and wrath, and anger, and evil-speaking, with all malice; and grant that, in honor preferring one another, we may walk in love, even as Thou, Lord, didst love us, and give Thyself to die for our sins. *Amen.*

For Preservation from Distrust and Anxious Care.

O MOST loving Father, who willest us to give thanks for all things, to dread nothing but the loss of Thee, and to cast all our cares on Thee who carest for us; Preserve us from faithless fears and worldly anxieties, and grant that no clouds of this mortal life may hide from us the light of that Love which evermore dwells in Thee, and which Thou hast manifested to us in Thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Communion of Saints. For Patience and Victory.

O GOD, the Father everlasting, whom the glorious hosts of heaven obey, and in whose presence patriarchs, prophets, apostles, martyrs, with all the spirits of the just made perfect continually do live; Fix the eye of our faith, we beseech Thee, with clear and full vision, on the great cloud of witnesses wherewith we are thus compassed about, that laying aside every weight, and the sin that doth so easily beset us, we may run with patience the race that is set before us, and obtain at last the crown of everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

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For Aid and Success in Study.

O LORD Jesus Christ, the Eternal Wisdom of the Father, in whom are hidden all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge, Assist us, we beseech Thee, with Thy heavenly grace, that we may be guided and blessed in all our studies, and that learning of Thee with honest hearts, we may be rooted and built up in Thee who art Thyself the Truth Incarnate, and, with the Father and the Holy Spirit, ever one God. *Amen.*

For the President of the United States, and All in Civil Authority.

O LORD, our heavenly Father, the high and mighty Ruler of the universe, who dost from Thy throne behold all the dwellers upon earth; Most heartily we beseech Thee, with Thy favor to behold and bless Thy servant, the PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES, and all others in authority; and so replenish them with the grace of Thy Holy Spirit, that they may always incline to Thy will, and walk in Thy way. Endue them plenteously with heavenly gifts; grant them in health and prosperity long to live; and finally, after this life, to attain everlasting joy and felicity; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

For All Engaged in Arduous Work.

O GOD, at whose word man goeth forth unto his work and to his labor until the evening; Be merci-

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ful to all whose duties are difficult or burdensome, and comfort them concerning their toil. Shield from bodily accident and harm the workmen at their work. Protect the efforts of sober and honest industry, and suffer not the hire of the laborers to be kept back by fraud. Incline the hearts of employers and of those whom they employ to mutual forbearance, fairness, and good-will. Show Thy pity upon all prisoners and captives. Uphold those who administer justice and execute righteous laws. Protect all who travel by land or by sea. Care for the sailor, the emigrant, and the stranger. Bless those who labor in works of mercy, and in schools of good learning. Give wisdom and grace to all parents. Send forth laborers into Thy harvest; and defend by Thy mighty power, and abundantly prosper, all missionaries of the Cross. Give ear unto our prayer, O merciful and gracious Father, for the love of Thy dear Son our Saviour Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

For Those Who Err from the Faith.

O FATHER of lights, who art ever pitiful to the manifold wanderings of the children of men, and who hast given us Thy holy Word to be a lamp to our feet amid the darkness of this world; Have compassion upon all who, by denying the Gospel of Thy dear Son, have been led far off from peace, and become estranged from prayer; open their hearts to the truth, help them to cast down every proud thought, and make them to

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become as little children that they may be wise, through Jesus Christ our Saviour. *Amen.*

For All Conditions of Men.

O GOD, the Creator and Preserver of all mankind, we humbly beseech Thee for all sorts and conditions of men; that Thou wouldest be pleased to make Thy ways known unto them, Thy saving health unto all nations. More especially we pray for Thy holy Church universal; that it may be so guided and governed by Thy good Spirit, that all who profess and call themselves Christians may be led into the way of truth, and hold the faith in unity of spirit, in the bond of peace, and in righteousness of life. Finally, we commend to Thy fatherly goodness all those who are any ways afflicted, or distressed, in mind, body, or estate; that it may please Thee to comfort and relieve them, according to their several necessities; giving them patience under their sufferings, and a happy issue out of all their afflictions. And this we beg for Jesus Christ's sake. *Amen.*

A General Thanksgiving.

To be said, with the Minister, by the whole Congregation.

ALMIGHTY GOD, Father of all Mercies, we, thine unworthy servants, do give Thee most humble and hearty thanks for all Thy goodness and

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loving-kindness to us, and to all men. We bless Thee for our creation, preservation, and all the blessings of this life; but above all, for Thine inestimable love in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ; for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory. And, we beseech Thee, give us that due sense of all Thy mercies, that our hearts may be unfeignedly thankful, and that we show forth Thy praise, not only with our lips, but in our lives; by giving up ourselves to Thy service, and by walking before Thee in holiness and righteousness all our days; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with Thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honor and glory, world without end. *Amen.*

At the Close of Prayer.

To be said by the Minister.

ALMIGHTY GOD, who hast given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplications unto Thee; and dost promise that when two or three are gathered together in Thy name Thou wilt grant their requests; fulfill now, O Lord, the desires and petitions of Thy servants, as may be most expedient for them; granting us in this world knowledge of Thy truth, and in the world to come life everlasting. *Amen.*

After this shall follow a Hymn, an Address, another Hymn, Prayer with the Benediction, and a Silent Prayer, closing with an Organ Chord.

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Prayers.

Any of these Prayers may be used in place of, or in addition to, those which precede. The Minister is at liberty, also, if he prefers, to employ some other method of prayer; but the prescribed order to the end of the *Apostles' Creed* shall always be followed, and the prayers shall end with the *General Thanksgiving* and the prayer which follows it.

Prayers for Special Occasions.

The Advent of Our Lord.

ALMIGHTY God, give us grace that we may cast away the works of darkness, and put upon us the armor of light, now in the time of this mortal life, in which Thy Son Jesus Christ came to visit us in great humility; that in the last day, when He shall come again in His glorious majesty to judge both the quick and dead, we may rise to the life immortal, through Him who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, now and ever. *Amen.*

O GOD, who makest us glad with the yearly remembrance of the birth of Thine only Son Jesus Christ; Grant that as we joyfully receive Him for our Redeemer, so we may with sure confidence behold

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Him, when He shall come to be our Judge, who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, one God, world without end. *Amen.*

O ALMIGHTY God, who by the birth of Thy Holy One into the world didst give Thy true light to dawn upon our darkness; Grant that as Thou hast given us to believe in the mystery of His incarnation, and hast made us partakers of the divine nature, so in the world to come we may ever abide with Him, in the glory of His kingdom; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

The Epiphany, or the Manifestation of Christ to the Gentiles.

O GOD, who by the leading of a star didst manifest Thy only begotten Son to the Gentiles; Mercifully grant that we, who know Thee now by faith, may after this life have the fruition of Thy glorious Godhead; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

O GOD, whose blessed Son was manifested that He might destroy the works of the devil, and make us the sons of God, and heirs of eternal life; Grant us, we beseech Thee, that, having this hope, we may purify ourselves, even as He is pure; that, when He shall appear again with power and great glory, we may be made like unto Him in His eternal and glorious kingdom; where with Thee, O Father, and Thee, O Holy Ghost, He liveth and reigneth, ever one God, world without end. *Amen.*

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Palm Sunday.

ALMIGHTY and everlasting God, who, of Thy tender love towards mankind, hast sent Thy Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ, to take upon Him our flesh, and to suffer death upon the cross, that all mankind should follow the example of His great humility; Mercifully grant, that we may both follow the example of His patience, and also be made partakers of His resurrection; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

O LORD Jesus Christ, who as on this day didst enter the rebellious city where Thou wast to die; Enter into our hearts, we beseech Thee, and subdue them wholly to Thyself. And as Thy faithful disciples blessed Thy coming, and spread their garments in the way, covering it with palm branches, may we be ready to lay at Thy feet all that we have and are, and to bless Thee, O Thou who comest in the name of the Lord. And grant that after having confessed and worshipped Thee upon the earth, we may be among the number of those who shall hail Thine eternal triumphs, and bear in their hands the palms of victory, when every knee shall bow before Thee, and every tongue confess that Thou art Lord, and that Thou shalt reign for ever and ever. *Amen.*

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Monday before Easter.

ALMIGHTY and everlasting God, grant us so to celebrate the mysteries of our Lord's Passion, that we, obtaining pardon through His precious blood, may come with joy to the commemoration of that sacrifice by which Thou hast been pleased to redeem us; through the same Thy Son our Saviour Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

Tuesday before Easter.

O LORD God, whose blessed Son our Saviour gave His back to the smiters, and did not hide His face from shame; Grant us grace to take joyfully the sufferings of the present time, in full assurance of the glory that shall be revealed; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Wednesday before Easter.

MERCIFUL Father, give us grace that we never presume to sin through the example of a fellow creature; but if we be led at any time to offend Thy Divine Majesty, vouchsafe us to repent with Peter, rather than to despair with Judas, so that by a godly sorrow and a lively faith we may obtain remission of our sins; through the only merits of Thy Son, Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

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Thursday before Easter.

ALMIGHTY Father, whose dear Son did in the Garden of Gethsemane accept the cup Thou gavest Him to drink, that so He might taste death for every man; Mercifully grant that we to whom He ministers the cup of blessing may thankfully receive it in remembrance of Him, and show our Lord's death till He come; who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, one God, world without end. *Amen.*

Good Friday.

ALMIGHTY God, we beseech Thee graciously to behold this Thy family, for which our Lord Jesus Christ was contented to be betrayed, and given up into the hands of wicked men, and to suffer death upon the cross, who now liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end. *Amen.*

ALMIGHTY and everlasting God, by whose Spirit the whole body of the church is governed and sanctified; Receive our supplications and prayers, which we offer before Thee for all estates of men in Thy holy church, that every member of the same, in his vocation and ministry, may truly and godly serve Thee; through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

O MERCIFUL God, who hast made all men, and hatest nothing that Thou hast made, nor desirest

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the death of a sinner, but rather that he should be converted and live; Have mercy upon all Jews, Turks, Infidels and Heretics; and take from them all ignorance, hardness of heart, and contempt of Thy word; and so fetch them home, blessed Lord, to Thy flock, that they may be saved among the remnant of the true Israelites, and be made one fold under one shepherd, Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, world without end. *Amen.*

Easter Even.

GRANT, O Lord, that as we are baptized into the death of Thy blessed Son our Saviour Jesus Christ, so by continual mortifying our corrupt affections we may be buried with Him; and that through the grave, and gate of death, we may pass to our joyful resurrection; for His merits, who died, and was buried, and rose again for us, Thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

O CHRIST, Son of God, whom the Father gave up for all when He received Thee as a true sacrifice for us; Receive the desires of Thy people; save those whom Thou hast redeemed; give life to those whom Thou hast delivered; suffer not those to go into everlasting anguish whom Thou camest to redeem from perishing eternally; and grant that through Thee, whom we believe to have been crucified for all, we may have remission of sins in this life, and everlasting joy in the life to come. *Amen.*

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O MOST merciful Father, who of Thy tender compassion towards us guilty sinners didst give Thine only-begotten Son to be an offering for our sins; Grant us grace, we humbly beseech Thee, that, being united unto Him by Thy Spirit, and made partakers of His sufferings and His death, we may crucify the corrupt inclinations of the flesh, die daily unto the world, and lead holy and unblameable lives. Cleaving unto His cross in all the temptations of life, may we hold fast the profession of our faith without wavering, and finally attain unto the resurrection of the just; through the merits of this same once crucified, but now risen and exalted, Saviour. *Amen.*

O ALMIGHTY God, who by the descent of our Saviour Jesus Christ into hell, and His rising again from the dead, hast given assurance that the spirits of those who sleep in Him do abide in joy and felicity; Grant unto us, we beseech Thee, such steadfast faith and lively hope, that we may purify ourselves as He is pure; and that we, with Thy whole redeemed church, may speedily attain unto the resurrection from the dead, when our mortal bodies shall put on immortality and incorruption, and we shall be changed into the likeness of His glorious body; who liveth and abideth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, one God, world without end. *Amen.*

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Easter-Day.

ALMIGHTY GOD, who through Thine only-begotten Son Jesus Christ hast overcome death, and opened unto us the gates of everlasting life; We humbly beseech Thee, that, as by Thy special grace preventing us Thou dost put into our minds good desires, so by Thy continual help we may bring the same to good effect; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end. *Amen.*

Ascension-Day.

GRANT, we beseech Thee, Almighty God, that like as we do believe Thy only-begotten Son our Lord Jesus Christ to have ascended into the heavens; so we may also in heart and mind thither ascend, and with Him continually dwell, who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, one God, world without end. *Amen.*

O KING of Glory, Lord of all might, who hast ascended in great triumph above all heavens; We beseech Thee, leave us not orphans; but send to us the Promise of the Father, the Spirit of Truth. Alleluia. *Amen.*

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Whitsun-Day.

LET Thy mercy, O Lord, be upon us, and the brightness of Thy Spirit illumine our souls; that He may kindle our cold hearts and light up our dark minds, who abideth evermore with Thee in glory. *Amen.*

O GOD, who as at this time didst teach the hearts of Thy faithful people, by sending to them the light of Thy Holy Spirit; Grant us by the same Spirit to have a right judgment in all things, and evermore to rejoice in His holy comfort; through the merits of Christ Jesus our Saviour, who liveth and reigneth with Thee, in the unity of the same Spirit, one God, world without end. *Amen.*

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Prayers for Special Gifts.

For the Spirit of Prayer.

LET Thy merciful ears, O Lord, be open to the prayers of Thy servants; and that we may obtain what we ask, make us ever to ask such things as shall please Thee; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

For Acceptance in Prayer.

O GOD, the life of the faithful, the bliss of the righteous; Mercifully receive the prayers of Thy servants, that the souls which thirst for Thy promises may evermore be filled from Thine abundance; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

For Pardon and Peace.

O LORD, we beseech Thee, mercifully hear our prayers, and spare all those who confess their sins unto Thee; that they, whose consciences by sin are accused, by Thy merciful pardon may be absolved; through Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

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O ALMIGHTY God and most merciful Father, who hast compassion upon all men, and hast given Thy son to be a propitiation for the sins of the whole world; Have mercy upon us, Thine unworthy servants, for His sake. Hear us who now confess our transgressions and repent us of our sins. Pardon our offences, blot out all our iniquities, and grant us Thy grace that from henceforth we may walk in Thy ways, and serve Thee and please Thee in newness of life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

ALMIGHTY and everlasting God, who hatest nothing that Thou hast made, and dost forgive the sins of all those who are penitent; Create and make in us new and contrite hearts, that we worthily lamenting our sins, and acknowledging our wretchedness, may obtain of Thee, the God of all mercy, perfect remission and forgiveness; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

A General Confession.

To be said, with the Minister, by the whole Congregation.

ALMIGHTY and most merciful Father; We have erred, and strayed from Thy ways like lost sheep. We have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts. We have offended against Thy holy laws. We have left undone those things which we ought to have done; And we have done those things which we ought not to have done; And there is no

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health in us. But Thou, O Lord, have mercy upon us, miserable offenders. Spare Thou those, O God, who confess their faults. Restore Thou those who are penitent; According to Thy promises declared unto mankind in Christ Jesus our Lord. And grant, O most merciful Father, for His sake; That we may hereafter live a godly, righteous, and sober life, To the glory of Thy holy name. *Amen.*

For Conversion to the Will of God.

ALMIGHTY and everlasting God, who requirest the hearts of Thy creatures; Convert us wholly to Thyself; turn away our eyes from beholding vanity, and quicken us in Thy way; through Him who is at once the pattern and the power of godliness, Thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

ALMIGHTY God, who hast given Thine only Son to be unto us both a sacrifice for sin and also an ensample of godly life; Give us grace that we may always most thankfully receive that His inestimable benefit, and also daily endeavor ourselves to follow the blessed steps of His most holy life: through the same Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

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For Hatred of Sin.

O GOD, whom none can love except they hate the thing that is evil, and who willedst by Thy Son our Saviour to redeem us from all iniquity; Deliver us when we are tempted to look on sin without abhorrence, and let the virtue of His Passion come between us and the enemy of our souls; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

For Grace to Love and Do God's Will.

O ALMIGHTY God, who alone canst order the unruly wills and affections of sinful men; Grant unto Thy people, that they may love the thing which Thou commandest, and desire that which Thou dost promise; that so, among the sundry and manifold changes of the world, our hearts may surely there be fixed, where true joys are to be found; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

GRANT to us, Lord, we beseech Thee, the spirit to think and do always such things as are right; that we, who cannot do anything that is good without Thee, may by Thee be enabled to live according to Thy will. *Amen.*

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O GOD, forasmuch as without Thee we are not able to please Thee; Mercifully grant that Thy Holy Spirit may in all things direct and rule our hearts; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

For Sacred Knowledge.

O GOD, the Father Almighty; Grant us to have in Thee the light of knowledge, and the fullness of all virtue, that, while we seek for the precious gifts of knowledge, we may never depart from Thee, who art the fountain of all wisdom. *Amen.*

SHOW the light of Thy countenance upon us, O Lord, that the going forth of Thy word may give light and understanding, to nourish hearts that are simple; and that while our desire is set on Thy commandments, we may receive with open heart the Spirit of wisdom and understanding; through Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

O GOD, with whom is the well of life, and in whose light we see light; Increase in us, we beseech Thee, the brightness of divine knowledge, whereby we may be able to reach Thy plenteous fountain; impart to our thirsting souls the draught of life, and restore to our darkened minds the light from heaven. *Amen.*

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For Faith.

MOST merciful God, who hast so loved the world as to give Thine only-begotten Son that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish but have everlasting life; Vouchsafe unto us, we humbly pray Thee, the precious gift of faith, whereby we may know that the Son of God is come; and, being always rooted and grounded in the mystery of the Word made flesh, may have power to overcome the world, and gain the blessed immortality of heaven; through the merits of this same incarnate Christ, who liveth and reigneth with Thee in the unity of the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end. *Amen.*

O ALMIGHTY and everlasting God, who not only givest every good and perfect gift, but also increasest those gifts Thou hast given; We most humbly beseech Thee to increase in us the gift of faith, that we may truly believe in Thee and in Thy promises; and that neither by our negligence, nor infirmity of the flesh, nor by grievousness of temptation, nor by the subtle crafts and assaults of the devil, we may be driven from faith in our most blessed Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

For Hope.

BLESSED Lord, who hast caused all holy Scriptures to be written for our learning; Grant that we

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may in such wise hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them, that by patience, and comfort of Thy holy Word, we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life, which Thou hast given us in our Saviour Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

O LORD, our light and our salvation; Remove from us the darkness of sorrow and of ignorance, enlighten us with true wisdom, and give us ever a sure hope in Thee. *Amen.*

For Love.

O GOD, who hast prepared for those who love Thee such good things as pass man's understanding; Pour into our hearts such love toward Thee, that we, loving Thee above all things, may obtain Thy promises, which exceed all that we can desire; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

LORD of all power and might, who art the Author and Giver of all good things; Graft into our hearts the love of Thy name, increase in us true religion, nourish us with all goodness, and of Thy great mercy keep us in the same; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

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O LORD, who hast taught us that all our doings without charity are nothing worth; Send Thy Holy Ghost, and pour into our hearts that most excellent gift of charity, the very bond of peace and of all virtues, without which whosoever liveth is counted dead before Thee. Grant this for Thine only Son Jesus Christ's sake. *Amen.*

O GOD, who makest all things profitable to them that love Thee; Grant to our hearts an invincible power of love, that the desires which have been conceived by Thine inspiration may not be changed by any temptation; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

O GOD, who so lovedst the world that Thou didst give Thine only-begotten Son to reconcile all things unto Thyself; Grant that, loving Thee above all things, we may love our friends in Thee, and our enemies for Thy sake; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

For Increase in Faith, Hope, and Charity.

ALMIGHTY and everlasting God, give unto us the increase of faith, hope, and charity; and, that we may obtain that which Thou dost promise, make us to love that which Thou dost command; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

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For Deliverance from Temptation.

HEAR us, O Lord our God, and separate the hearts of Thy faithful people from the wickedness of the world; that they who call Thee Lord with their own voice may not fall back into the service of the devil; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

JESUS, our Master, do Thou meet us while we walk in the way, and long to reach the heavenly country; so that following Thy light, we may keep the way of righteousness, and never wander away into the horrible darkness of this world's night, while Thou, who art the Way, the Truth, and the Life, art shining within us. *Amen.*

LORD, we beseech Thee, grant Thy people grace to withstand the temptations of the world, the flesh, and the devil; and with pure hearts and minds to follow Thee, the only God; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Against Spiritual Apathy.

O GOD, the sovereign good of the soul, who requirest the hearts of all Thy children; Deliver us from all sloth in Thy work, all coldness in Thy cause; and grant that by looking unto Thee we may rekindle our love, and by waiting upon Thee may renew our strength; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

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For Patience.

ALMIGHTY and everlasting God, the Creator of the ends of the earth, who givest power to the faint, and strength to them that have no might; Look mercifully, we beseech Thee, on our low estate, and cause Thy grace to triumph in our weakness, that we may arise and follow in the way of righteousness those who by their faith and patience already inherit the promises; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

For Purity.

LORD our God, great, eternal, wonderful in glory, who keepest covenant and promises for those that love Thee with their whole heart; who art the life of all, the help of those that flee unto Thee, the hope of those who cry unto Thee; Cleanse us from our sins, secret and open, and from every thought displeasing to Thy goodness; cleanse our bodies and souls, our hearts and consciences, that with a pure heart and a clear soul, with perfect love and calm hope, we may venture confidently and fearlessly to pray unto Thee. *Amen.*

ALMIGHTY Father, who hast given Thine only Son to die for our sins, and to rise again for our justification; Grant us so to put away the leaven of malice and wickedness, that we may always serve Thee in pureness of living and truth; through the merits of the same Thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

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For Heavenly-Mindedness.

ALMIGHTY God, the former of our bodies and Father of our spirits, in whom we live, move, and have our being; Shed abroad Thy love in our hearts, we beseech Thee, and cause the comfort of Thy heavenly grace to abound in us, as the earnest and pledge of joys to come; that, casting away all anxious thought for the transitory things of this world, we may seek first Thy kingdom and righteousness, and labor only for that meat which endureth unto everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

GRANT us, O Lord, not to mind earthly things, but to love things heavenly; and even now while we are placed among things that are passing away, to cleave to those that shall abide; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

For Guidance.

O GOD, by whom the meek are guided in judgment, and light riseth up in darkness for the godly; Grant us, in all our doubts and uncertainties, the grace to ask what Thou wouldst have us to do; that the Spirit of wisdom may save us from all false choices, and that in Thy light we may see light, and in Thy straight path may not stumble; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

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O GOD, the protector of all that trust in Thee, without whom nothing is strong, nothing is holy; Increase and multiply upon us Thy mercy; that, Thou being our ruler and guide, we may so pass through things temporal, that we finally lose not the things eternal. Grant this, O heavenly Father, for Jesus Christ's sake our Lord. *Amen.*

For Diligence.

O GOD, who by the example of Thy dear Son hast warned us that we shall work Thy works while it is day, before the night cometh, when no man can work; Keep us from sloth and idleness, and from the misuse of those talents which Thou hast committed to our trust. Enable us to perform the several duties of our state and calling with such care and diligence that our work may never be reproved in Thy sight; and forasmuch as the business of this life is apt to steal away our hearts from Thee, give us grace to remember that we have a Master in heaven, and to do everything in singleness of heart, as unto Thee and not unto men, that of Thee we may receive the reward of the inheritance which Thou hast promised in Thy Son our Saviour Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

O GOD, who art the continual defence and protection of all who trust in Thee, and who hast ordained that we should eat bread in the sweat of our

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brow; We beseech Thee mercifully to prosper the work of our hands, and to sanctify the fruit of our labors to our own good, the good of others, and to Thy glory; and so help us to carry the spirit of Thy holy day into all the business of the week, that whilst our bodies and minds are engaged in toil, our hearts may still live and rest in Thee; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

For the Quickening of Zeal in Christians.

O LORD, our Saviour, who hast warned us that Thou wilt require much of those to whom much is given; Grant that we whose lot Thou hast cast in so goodly a heritage may strive together the more abundantly by prayer, by offerings, and by every other appointed means, to extend to others what we so richly enjoy; and as we have entered into the labors of other men, so to labor that in their turn other men may enter into ours, to the fulfilling of Thy holy will and our own salvation. *Amen.*

For Perseverance.

O GOD, Thou King eternal, immortal, and invisible, the blessed and only Potentate; May we, who cannot see Thee with the eye of flesh, behold Thee steadfastly with the eye of faith, that we faint not under the manifold trials and temptations of this mortal life, but may endure, as seeing Thee who art invisible; that

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after we have done and suffered Thy will upon the earth, we may enjoy the vision of God in heaven, and may be made partakers of those unspeakable joys, which Thou hast promised to them that love Thee and the appearing of Thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

O GOD, who hast willed that the gate of mercy should stand open to the faithful; Look on us, and have mercy upon us; that we who by Thy grace are following the path of Thy will, may never turn aside from the ways of life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

O ALMIGHTY God, who hast built together Thine elect in one communion and fellowship, in the mystical body of Thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord; Grant us grace so to follow Thy blessed saints in all virtuous and godly living, that we may come to those unspeakable and endless joys which Thou hast prepared for them that unfeignedly love Thee; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

For the Remembrance of the Dead.

ETERNAL God, in whom do rest the spirits of just men made perfect; We bless and praise Thy holy Name for all Thy servants departed this life in Thy faith and fear; and especially for those most dear

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to us, of whom we have good hope that they have fallen asleep in Jesus. And we beseech Thee to give us grace to follow their good examples, that even here we may be united to them in fellowship of spirit, and that finally we may be gathered together with them into the bosom of Thy love; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

ALMIGHTY and Ever-living God, we yield unto Thee most high praise and hearty thanks for the wonderful grace and virtue declared in all Thy saints, who have been the choice vessels of Thy grace, and the lights of the world in their several generations; Most humbly beseeching Thee to give us grace to follow the example of their steadfastness in Thy faith and obedience to Thy holy commandments, that, at the day of the general resurrection, we, and all they who are of the mystical body of Thy Son, may be set on His right hand and hear that His most joyful voice; Come, ye blessed of my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world. Grant this, O heavenly Father, for the love of the same our Saviour Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

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Intercessions.

For the President of the United States, and All in Civil Authority.

ALMIGHTY God, whose kingdom is everlasting and power infinite; Have mercy upon this whole land; and so rule the hearts of Thy servants the PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES, the *Governor of this State*, and all others in authority, that they, knowing whose ministers they are, may above all things seek Thine honor and glory; and that we and all the people, duly considering whose authority they bear, may faithfully and obediently honor them, in Thee, and for Thee, according to Thy blessed word and ordinance; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who with Thee and the Holy Ghost liveth and reigneth, ever one God, world without end. *Amen.*

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For Congress.

To be used during their session.

MOST gracious God, we humbly beseech Thee, as for the people of these United States in general, so especially for their Senate and Representatives in Congress assembled; That Thou wouldest be pleased to direct and prosper all their consultations, to the advancement of Thy glory, the good of Thy church, the safety, honor, and welfare of Thy people; that all things may be so ordered and settled by their endeavors, upon the best and surest foundations, that peace and happiness, truth and justice, religion and piety, may be established among us for all generations. These and all other necessaries, for them, for us, and for Thy whole church, we humbly beg in the Name and Mediation of Jesus Christ, our most blessed Lord and Saviour. *Amen.*

For the Country.

ALMIGHTY God, who in the former time leddest our fathers forth into a wealthy place, and didst set their feet in a large room; Give Thy grace, we humbly beseech Thee, to us their children, that we may always approve ourselves a people mindful of Thy favor and glad to do Thy will. Bless our land with honorable industry, sound learning, and pure manners. Defend our liberties, preserve our unity. Save us from violence, discord and confusion, from pride and

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arrogancy and every evil way. Fashion into one happy people the multitude brought hither out of many kindreds and tongues. Endue with the spirit of wisdom those whom we entrust in Thy name with the authority of governance, to the end that there be peace at home, and that we keep our place among the nations of the earth. In the time of our prosperity, temper our self-confidence with thankfulness, and in the day of trouble, suffer not our trust in Thee to fail; all which we ask for Jesus Christ's sake. *Amen.*

For the Church.

O LORD, we beseech Thee to keep Thy church and household continually in Thy true religion; that they who do lean only upon the hope of Thy heavenly grace may evermore be defended by Thy mighty power; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

For Schools.

BLESS, O God, our schools and academies, our colleges and universities. Purify them from whatever is contrary to faith and morals, and make them fruitful in good learning and holy lives, that wisdom and knowledge may be the stability of our times, and truth and righteousness every where prevail; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

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O LORD Jesus Christ, who wast subject to Thine earthly superiors as a boy upon the earth. Have mercy upon all who are now at school, and prepare them for the work to which Thou art purposing to call them. Grant that the temptations of youth may not destroy the hopes of their mature life. Deliver them from all irreverence and hardness of heart; from anger and intemperance; from impurity, whether of mind or body; from dishonesty and falsehood; from sloth and self-indulgence. Make them sincere, true, teachable, and manly; fearing Thee, and knowing no other fear; loving Thee with a pure love, and resolved to serve Thee in the Kingdom of Thy truth and grace, and to win others to Thy love. *Amen.*

O LORD Jesus Christ, grant that the young men of this our country may live before Thee in truth and purity, remembering that they are Thy members, and using their strength for the glory of Thyself, the source of their life and the captain of their salvation. Reveal Thyself in their hearts, that being filled with Thy wisdom, they may know Thee as the pattern of diligence and obedience, of endurance and hope, of fidelity and sacrifice, and rising above worldly ambition and all self-seeking, may act continually in the light of Thy truth and under the constraint of Thy love, so that they may follow, without hesitation, wheresoever Thou shalt call them to follow Thee; and at length, being perfected in Thee, may through Thee be found acceptable unto the Father, when Thou shalt come in Thy Majesty to apportion the rewards of Thy Kingdom. *Amen.*

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GUIDE, O Lord, we beseech Thee, all who have to decide upon their future course of life; and give them grace so to follow the indications of Thy providence, that they may live not only to the salvation of their own souls, but to the advancement of Thy glory, according to the measure of Thy most merciful appointment, and receive Thy blessing in time and in eternity; through Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

For Unity of God's People.

O GOD, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, our only Saviour, the Prince of Peace; Grant to all Christian people grace seriously to lay to heart the great dangers we are in by our unhappy divisions. Take away all hatred and prejudice, and whatsoever else may hinder us from godly union and concord; that, as there is but one body, and one spirit, and one hope of our calling, one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of us all, so we may henceforth be all of one heart, and of one soul, united in one holy bond of truth and peace, of faith and charity, and may with one mind and one mouth glorify Thee; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

For the Increase of the Ministry.

O LORD Jesus Christ, who didst command Thy disciples to pray the Lord of the harvest that He would send forth laborers into His harvest; We beseech

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Thee graciously to increase the number of faithful ministers of Thy Word and sacraments, and to send them forth among all nations of men; that perishing souls may be saved, and the bounds of Thy blessed kingdom be enlarged. We ask it, O merciful Saviour, for the glory of Thy name, who livest and reignest with the Father and the Holy Ghost, one God, world without end. *Amen.*

For All Who Do the Work of the Church.

O LORD, without whom our labor is but lost, and with whom Thy little ones go forth as the mighty; We humbly beseech Thee to prosper all works in Thy church undertaken according to Thy holy will, and grant to Thy laborers a pure intention, patient faith, sufficient success upon earth, and the blessedness of serving Thee in heaven; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

For Missions and Missionaries.

O GOD, who hast made of one blood all nations of men to dwell on all the face of the earth, and didst send Thy blessed Son to preach peace to them that are far off and to them that are nigh; Grant that all the people of heathen lands may seek after Thee and find Thee; and hasten, O Lord, the fulfillment of Thy promise to pour out Thy Spirit upon all flesh; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

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ALMIGHTY God, who by Thy Son Jesus Christ didst give commandment to the holy apostles that they should go into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature; Grant to us whom Thou hast called into Thy church a ready will to obey Thy word, and fill us with a hearty desire to make Thy way known upon earth, Thy saving health among all nations. Look with compassion upon the heathen that have not known Thee, and on the multitudes that are scattered abroad as sheep having no shepherd. O heavenly Father, Lord of the harvest, have respect, we beseech Thee, to our prayers, and send forth laborers into Thine harvest. Fit and prepare them by Thy grace for the work of their ministry. Give them the spirit of power, and of love, and of a sound mind; strengthen them to endure hardness; and grant that by their life and doctrine they may show forth Thy glory, and set forward the salvation of all men; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

O LORD Jesus Christ, the great shepherd of the sheep, who seeketh those that are gone astray, bindest up those that are broken, and healest those that are sick; Bless, we beseech Thee, the effort now being made to convert souls unto Thee. Open the deaf ears of the wanderers, that they may hear the words which belong unto their salvation; and grant that those whom Thou dost raise to newness of life, may, through Thy

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grace, persevere unto the end; of Thy mercy, O our God, who art blessed, and livest with the Father and the Holy Ghost, one God, world without end. *Amen.*

For All Christians.

O LORD Jesus Christ, grant, we beseech Thee, that Thy servants, quickened by Thy Spirit, strengthened by Thy power, illuminated by Thy splendor, and filled with Thy grace, may walk day by day, leaning upon Thy divine help. Grant them, O Lord, a lively faith, a perfect love, and true humility. Grant that there may be in them simple affection, strong patience persevering obedience, perpetual peace, a pure mind, a right and clean heart, a firm will, a holy conscience, sincere repentance, spiritual strength, and unstained life; so that after they have fought a good fight, manfully finished their course, and faithfully kept the faith, they may receive the crown of righteousnses, which Thou wilt give in that day to all who love Thy coming. *Amen.*

For the Extension of Christ's Kingdom.

O MOST merciful Saviour and Redeemer, who wouldst not that any should perish, but that all men should be saved and come to the knowledge of the truth; Fulfill Thy gracious promise to be present with those who are gone forth in Thy name to preach the gospel of salvation in distant lands. Be with them in

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all perils by land or by water, in sickness and distress, in weariness and painfulness, in disappointment and persecution. Bless them, we beseech Thee, with Thy continual favor; and send Thy Holy Spirit to guide them into all truth. O Lord, let Thy ministers be clothed with righteousness, and grant that Thy Word spoken by their mouths may never be spoken in vain. Endue them with power from on high, and so prosper Thy work in their hands, that the fullness of the Gentiles may be gathered in, and all Israel be saved. Hear us, O Lord, for Thy mercy's sake, and grant that all who are called by Thy name may be one in Thee, and may abound more and more in prayers and offerings for the coming of Thy kingdom throughout the world, to Thy honor and glory, who livest and reignest with the Father and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end. *Amen.*

ALMIGHTY Lord our God, direct our steps into the way of peace, and strengthen our hearts to obey Thy commands: may the day-spring visit us from on high, and give light to those who sit in darkness and the shadow of death; that they may adore Thee for Thy mercy, follow Thee for Thy truth, desire Thee for Thy sweetness, who art the hope of Israel and the Saviour of mankind. *Amen.*

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Prayers after the Address.

O GOD, who art the guide and shepherd of all faithful souls; Grant unto us who have now tasted of Thy goodness, that the eyes of our spirit may never cease to see Thee, nor our ears to hear Thy voice; that so we, constantly remembering Thy love and goodness towards men, may with a pure heart and faithful mind give ourselves to serve and follow Thee; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

O GOD, who hast revealed to us the light of Thy Gospel, and called us into the fellowship of Thy Son Jesus Christ; Bless to us Thy word which we have heard this day; and grant that we may put away the works of darkness, and may walk in purity, uprightness, and sincerity; that we may have fellowship with Thee, for Thou art light, and with Thee there is no darkness at all; that, when the shadows of this mortal life are passed away, we may behold the King in His beauty, and be made partakers of His everlasting glory; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

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O GOD, who didst teach the hearts of Thy faithful people, by sending to them the light of Thy Holy Spirit; Grant us, by the same Spirit, to have a right understanding of Thy saving truth. Visit, we pray Thee, this congregation with Thy love and favor; and enlighten our minds more and more with the light of the everlasting Gospel; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

O GOD, who hast called us to be children of the resurrection, and hast made us citizens of the Jerusalem which is above; Grant that whensoever in the dimness of this life present our eyes are holden that we see Thee not, our hearts may alway be attentive to Thy holy Word, and burn within us as it is opened by Thy Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

O GOD, who on the mount didst reveal to chosen witnesses Thine only-begotten Son wonderfully transfigured, in raiment white and glistering; Mercifully grant that we, being delivered from the disquietude of this world, may be permitted to behold the King in His beauty, who with Thee, O Father, and Thee, O Holy Ghost, liveth and reigneth one God, world without end. *Amen.*

ALMIGHTY God, our heavenly Father, with whom there is no darkness, but the night shineth as the day; Keep and defend us, and all Thy children, in soul and body, during the coming night. May we rest in

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the consciousness of Thy favor; in the peace of a good conscience; in the hope of a better life; in the faith of Thy providence; in the love of Thy Spirit.

May we rise up again to diligence in our several callings, to work the work of God while the day lasts, seeing that the night cometh in which no man can work. And whether we wake or sleep, may we live together with Christ. *Amen.*

O LORD God, who hast commanded that no man should be idle, but that all should work the thing that is good, and hast taught us by Thy holy apostle, that whatsoever we do we may do all to Thy glory; Grant that we may each of us this week look up to Thee in our several occupations, and diligently strive to do those duties which Thou layest to our hand. May we do our work heartily as in Thy sight who seest us, for Thou wilt not forget our work if it be offered to Thee, through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with Thee and the Holy Ghost, be glory for ever. *Amen.*

O LORD God, the life of mortals, the light of the faithful, the strength of those who labor, and the repose of the dead; Grant us a tranquil night free from all disturbance; that after an interval of quiet sleep, we may, by Thy bounty, at the return of light, be endued with activity from Thy Holy Spirit, and enabled in security to render thanks to Thee; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. *Amen.*

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THE grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Ghost, be with you all. *Amen.*

THE peace of God, which passeth all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of His Son Jesus Christ our Lord; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, be amongst you, and remain with you always. *Amen.*

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The Commandments.

Minister. God spake all these words, saying: I am the Lord thy God. Thou shalt have no other gods before me.

People. Lord, have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.

Minister. Thou shalt not make unto thee any graven image, or any likeness of anything that is in the heaven above, or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the waters under the earth: thou shalt not bow down thyself to them, nor serve them, for I the Lord thy God am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children unto the third and fourth generation of them that hate me; and showing mercy unto thousands of them that love me and keep my commandments.

People. Lord, have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.

Minister. Thou shalt not take the name of the Lord thy God in vain; for the Lord will not hold him guiltless that taketh his name in vain.

People. Lord, have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.

Minister. Remember the sabbath day to keep it holy. Six days shalt thou labor and do all thy work: but the seventh day is the sabbath of the Lord thy

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God: in it thou shalt not do any work, thou, nor thy son, nor thy daughter, thy manservant, nor thy maidservant, nor thy cattle, nor thy stranger that is within thy gates; for in six days the Lord made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that in them is, and rested the seventh day; wherefore the Lord blessed the sabbath day and hallowed it.

People. Lord, have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.

Minister. Honor thy father and thy mother, that thy days may be long upon the land which the Lord thy God giveth thee.

People. Lord, have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.

Minister. Thou shalt not kill.

People Lord, have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.

Minister. Thou shalt not commit adultery.

People. Lord, have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.

Minister. Thou shalt not steal.

People. Lord, have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.

Minister. Thou shalt not bear false witness against thy neighbor.

People. Lord, have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.

Minister. Thou shalt not covet thy neighbor's house, thou shalt not covet thy neighbor's wife, nor his

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manservant, nor his maidservant, nor his ox, nor his ass, nor anything that is thy neighbor's.

People. Lord, have mercy upon us, and write all these thy laws in our hearts, we beseech thee.

Minister. Hear also what our Lord Jesus Christ saith.

Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind: This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like unto it: Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself. On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets.

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The Litany.

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Minister. O God the Father of Heaven,

People. Have mercy upon us.

Minister. O God the Son, Redeemer of the world.

People. Have mercy upon us.

Minister. O God the Holy Ghost, our Comforter and Guide,

People. Have mercy upon us.

Minister. O Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world,

People. Have mercy upon us, and grant us Thy peace.

Minister. Remember not, Lord, our offences, nor the offences of our fathers; neither take Thou vengeance of our sins; spare us, good Lord, spare Thy people whom Thou hast redeemed with Thy most precious blood, and be not angry with us forever;

People. Spare us, good Lord.

Minister. From all evil and mischief; from sin, from the crafts and assaults of the devil, from Thy wrath, and everlasting death,

People. Good Lord, deliver us.

Minister. From all blindness of heart; from pride, vain glory, and hypocrisy; from envy, hatred, and malice, and all uncharitableness,

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People. Good Lord, deliver us.

Minister. From all unhallowed and sinful affections, from all defilements of mind and body, from unbelief and contempt of Thy word and commandments,

People. Good Lord, deliver us.

Minister. From dying suddenly and unprepared; from war, pestilence, and famine; from hardness of heart, despair of Thy mercy, and grieving of Thy Holy Spirit,

People. Good Lord, deliver us.

Minister. By the mystery of Thy holy incarnation, by Thy sacred birth and baptism, by Thy fasting and temptation,

People. Good Lord, deliver us.

Minister. By Thine agony and bloody sweat, by Thy cross and passion, by Thy precious death and burial, by Thy glorious resurrection and ascension, and by the coming of the Holy Ghost the Comforter,

People. Good Lord, deliver us.

Minister. In all time of our tribulation, in all time of our prosperity, in the hour of death, and in the day of judgment,

People. Good Lord, deliver us.

Minister. We sinners beseech Thee to hear us, O Lord God, and that it may please Thee to rule and govern Thy holy church universal in the right way:

People. We beseech Thee to hear us, good Lord.

Minister. That it may please Thee to keep in the true worshiping of Thee, in righteousness and in holi-

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ness of life, Thy servants the President of the United States, the Governor of this Commonwealth, and all others in authority over us; endue them plenteously with Thy grace and heavenly gifts, that they may rightly administer justice and wisely govern and faithfully protect Thy people whom thou hast committed to their care;

People. We beseech Thee to hear us, good Lord.

Minister. That it may please Thee to preserve in purity of doctrine, in soundness of word, and in holiness of life, all pastors and ministers of Thy church; to send forth faithful laborers into Thy harvest; to encourage thy missionaries in our own land and among all nations; and to grant the increase of Thy word and the fruit of Thy Spirit unto all that hear;

People. We beseech Thee to hear us, good Lord.

Minister. That it may please Thee to comfort the sick and afflicted, especially those known to ourselves whom we name in our hearts before Thee; to succor all who are in danger; to bless young children; to show Thy pity upon all prisoners and captives; to defend and provide for fatherless children and widows, and all that are desolate and oppressed; to keep in peace and safety the stranger in a strange land, and all who are far from home, that they may never want the comforting sense of Thy presence; and to have mercy upon all sorts and conditions of men;

People. We beseech Thee to hear us, good Lord.

Minister. That it may please Thee to forgive our

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enemies, persecutors, and slanderers, and to turn their hearts;

People. We beseech Thee to hear us, good Lord.

Minister. That it may please Thee to give and preserve to our use the kindly fruits of the earth, so as in due time we may enjoy them;

People. We beseech Thee to hear us, good Lord.

Minister. That it may please Thee to give us true repentance, to forgive all our sins as we from our hearts forgive all who trespass against us, and to endue us with the grace of Thy Holy Spirit to amend our lives according to Thy holy word;

People. We beseech Thee to hear us, good Lord.

Minister. We poor sinners beseech Thee to hear us, gracious Lord our God, and to keep us in everlasting communion with all Thy faithful children who have entered into the joy of their Lord, especially with those who are dear to our souls, and with the whole church triumphant; that we may all at last rest together in Thy presence, from our labors.

People. Glory be to Him who is the resurrection and the life, in the church which waiteth for Him and in that which surroundeth Him for ever and ever. *Amen.*

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